

REMARKS

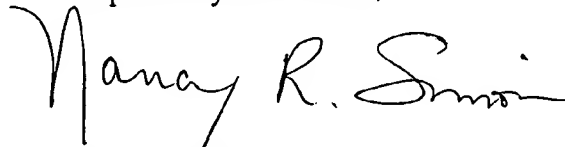
Claims 1, 11, 12, 18 and 20 have been amended. Claim 10 has been canceled. Claims 1-3, 8-9, and 11-20 are currently pending in the application.

The Examiner objected to claim 10 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner stated claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate claim 10. Independent claim 18 has been amended similarly. Dependent claims 11, 12, and 20 have been amended in order to be consistent with their independent base claims.

In light of the amendments and discussion above, Applicant believes that all claims currently remaining in the application are allowable over the prior art, and respectfully requests allowance of such claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nancy R. Simon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" being the most prominent part.

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